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MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

The glory of a civilization whose greed breeds wars where the innocent are slaughtered while the well-to-do become more wealthy. Where the earth is desecrated for a few dollars more. Where the development of weapons of complete annihilation are made to protect the wealth of a few. They talk of freedom. Their freedom to do as they wish no matter what that maybe. But where is the freedom for the hungry from the emptiness that lies within them? Where is the freedom of the people of color from a racist civilization? What freedom did they give the Indians when they stole their land and murdered thousands of them in doing it? What freedom do they give the workers who they have enslaved to wages and condemned many of them to lives of sickness and horrifying death? What freedom do they give to the people in despair, the suicides, the alcoholics, the prisoners, the victims, the mentality ill?

Yes, mine eyes have seen the glory, of a young girl trying to kill herself out of hopelessness. Yes, mine eyes have seen the glory, of the disgust of a civilization and the apathy of its people.

As the times get harder and the threats to the people and Mother Earth increase many of the people who have said in the past that they were resisters withdraw back into their holes. A few years ago there were many more supporters of the struggle for survival. Where are they today? The few who are still struggling find their backs to the wall with little aid. Has everyone become yuppies? Is it that the realities of the modern world are too much to handle? Everyone of you is important in the struggle. How can you look your children in the eye knowing the type of world you are giving them? And yes, you are giving it to them if you do nothing to change it. Many say that nothing can be done to change things and they are right if nobody even tries. Think about it. Ask your self if you are doing what you can, or if you have given up and condemned your children, all children to a world of hopelessness.

Yes, giving up is easy and in today's world there are many things to dull the pain, tv, alcohol, mindless consumption. To be a zombie, unthinking, uncaring, without spirit, living your life on your knees, head bowed to your masters. Thinking that life is safer this way. But a mind submerged in the waters of self-imposed illusions deceives itself.

If you are able, clear your mind for a few thoughts. Look at what this world is doing to you. Look at the poisons your body takes in. Does your very life mean anything to you? Look at the cancer rate; Mother Earth has not caused that, we have. Look at the prisons which by just fate you could find yourself in. Look at the weapons of mass death. Do you really think that the horrors of the modern world will never touch you? If you do you are only kidding yourself. Look at the children, think about what kind of world you are giving them and then understand that the suicide rate among kids is way up. Don't you feel anything? Well damn it get MAD! Do something about it and do it before it is too late.

FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL

ARTHUR J. MILLER.



The historic role of government is murder.

ALEXANDER BERKMAN, *Mother Earth*,
November, 1912

The State denotes violence, oppression, exploitation, and injustice raised into a system and made into the cornerstone of the existence of any society. The State never had and never will have any morality. Its morality and only justice is the supreme interest of self-preservation and almighty power—an interest before which all humanity has to kneel in worship. The State is the complete negation of humanity, a double negation: the opposite of human freedom and justice, and the violent breach of the universal solidarity of the human race.

MICHAEL BAKUNIN, *Federalism, Socialism, and Anti-Theologism*, 1867

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WHY LEONARD PELTIER DESERVES A NEW TRIAL

Leonard Peltier is an Anishinabe-Lakota Indian currently serving a double life sentence in federal prison for "aiding and abetting" in the deaths of two FBI agents in a firefight on the Pine Ridge Reservation inside South Dakota on June 26, 1975. It is important to note that Leonard Peltier has never been charged with murder. The government was not obligated in a court of law to prove that he ever killed anyone, only that he was somehow 'responsible'. The manner in which the government conducted itself in 'proving' Peltier's complicity is a classic case of frame-up; manipulation and even manufacturing of evidence, in a no-holds-barred vendetta, designed to secure a conviction. Anyone familiar with law enforcement agencies in this country knows there is no way the death of two FBI agents on an Indian reservation was ever going to be allowed to go unavenged.

WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY

The case can only be understood when viewed within the context of both the past relationship between the Oglala Lakota Nation and the U.S. Government, and the desperate state of affairs upon the Pine Ridge Reservation at the time of the firefight. In 1973 Lakota traditionals, supported by young warrior/activists of the American Indian Movement, occupied the historic village of Wounded Knee* for 71 days, in protest against the continuous abuse of both their persons and their lands by various law enforcement agencies under the reservation system. Many of these, the FBI and other federal forces, were operating outside of the law and their legal jurisdiction. At Wounded Knee they declared the Independent Oglala Nation, and called for a rejection of both the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs), and the elected BIA tribal government system, claiming them to be organizations NOT responsive to traditional values, or true caretakers of the 1868 FORT LARAMIE TREATY. * Wounded Knee was a hard fought for victory for the traditionals, resulting in the sniper deaths of Buddy Lamont and others, and the assassination of Pedro Bissonette, chief negotiator with the government during the Wounded Knee occupation. In its wake followed over 200 unexplained, and uninvestigated murders and disappearances of known supporters, traditionals, and AIM members, in an attempt to crush this assertion of sovereignty and self-determination.

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission described the reservation as being under a virtual "reign of terror" at the hands of the tribal police, nicknamed 'GOONS', a perverse acronym for 'Guardians Of the Oglala Nation'. In his book THE TRIAL OF LEONARD PELTIER,, Jim Messerschmidt reports that "...within three years of the occupation of Wounded Knee, federal officials made 562 arrests which resulted in only 15 convictions, 5 of which were for 'interfering with federal officials'...". Amnesty International has also issued a report calling for a full investigation into law enforcement activities on Pine Ridge at the time, and the full circumstances surrounding Peltier's case.

In 1975 conditions were so desperate that the traditionals again appealed to AIM activists outside the reservation for help, and this is what brought Leonard Peltier to Pine Ridge. Leonard had been active in AIM for many years; working in Seattle as a rehab/alcohol

*Site of the gruesome massacre and mass burial site of the Lakota (Sioux), by U.S. Army troops in 1893.



counselor, and leading one of the caravans on the TRAIL OF BROKEN TREATIES that brought thousands of Indians and supporters to Washington D.C. to present a 20 Point Plan for negotiations between the Nixon administration and representatives of Indian nations, which ended in the occupation of the BIA headquarters, and confiscation of their files for evidence of Treaty violations, sterilization abuse, illegal mineral leasing, and more. Peltier slowly but surely emerged as a truly respected leader in the Indian, (not the media's), way; friendly, trustworthy, and well-liked by both elders and peers. He encouraged traditional spiritualism, communal awareness, and pride in Indian identity, while discouraging drug and alcohol abuse. At the present time he holds the honor of International Director of AIM from within prison.

At Pine Ridge AIM established a spiritual encampment on the lands of an elder couple, Celia and Harry Jumping Bull. On the morning of June 26, 1975, two FBI agents drove onto the property in search of an Indian man, Jimmy Eagle, to serve what has been claimed, but never produced, a search warrant charging him with theft of a pair of boots. Exact details of why they began shooting at a retreating vehicle are not known, but a firefight began which lasted 9 hours. The two agents were killed, quite possibly in cross fire, (if the truth were known), as reports indicate FBI reinforcements began to arrive from behind within minutes of the first shots, and maybe twenty to thirty Indians were firing, from several directions, in an attempt to protect the many women and children in the camp. When the smoke cleared, one Indian man, Joseph Stuntz, was found dead. His death has never been investigated.

THE LAND

Not coincidentally, elected BIA tribal chairman Dick Wilson was in Washington D.C. that very day discussing a deal which eventually signed away 1/8th of Pine Ridge Reservation land, (133,000 acres), to the U.S. Government for use as a gunnery range and for exploration of uranium. Wilson, who had refused to relinquish his position, a demand of the Wounded

** The 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty was signed between Sitting Bull and the U.S. Government to guarantee the Lakota their lands, which now cover a five state area. The Treaty is law, under the U.S. Constitution and is recognized as such in the United Nations and in a 1980 U.S. court decision concerning the Black Hills.

Knee occupation, and his 'goons', were in fact at war with their own people. He knew these land transactions were in violation of the 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaty which requires that such transactions MUST BE AUTHORIZED IN WRITING by 3/4ths of the male members of the Lakota. This treaty is considered the definitive legislation of relations between themselves and the U.S. by the traditional Lakotas, many of whom remember of the loss of grandparents and great grandparents, treaty signers, in the 1890 massacre at Wounded Knee.

Wilson knew that when word of his impending deal reached the reservation, trouble would break out. And the history of Pine Ridge virtually guaranteed that would include confrontation. This reaction was preempted by the firefight initiated by the FBI, and the resulting arrests, charges and trials have for years obscured the real issues of that day in the minds of the uninvolved public.

The relationship of the land transaction to the peculiar (for lack of a better term) law enforcement presence both on, and within earshot of, the reservation that day raises important questions. In April the FBI had conducted a study on 'paramilitary operations' preparedness on Indian land...WHY? In May the FBI began training a ten-man BIA SWAT team...WHY? In June the FBI supplemented its already inflated manpower in the area by ordering special agents into South Dakota for a 60-day period...WHAT FOR? The answers to these and other questions, such as - who murdered Joseph Stuntz, and later Anna Mae Aquash - may never be known without a new and fair trial for Leonard Peltier. Perhaps the real answer to what is behind it all is quite simple, and consistent with history - it is the land. First gold, now other minerals, the excuse for confiscation. 80% of the country's uranium supply, needed for nuclear reactors and weapons, is under Indian land. They are the first line of defense to stop this terrible mining.

The Indians involved in the firefight that day miraculously escaped apprehension and/or assassination through a route that is only attributable to ancestral knowledge of the land. Within hours of the outbreak of the shooting 175 FBI agents had swarmed onto the reservation, bringing with them additional SWAT teams, helicopters, tracking dogs, and assorted law enforcement paraphernalia and personnel. Pine Ridge was under what many Indian Veterans of Vietnam recognized as full para-military assault. A massive manhunt for AIM members began, and months of raids on the homes of traditionals and supporters, without search warrants, with blatant disregard for human rights, and with the sinister preoccupation of destroying personal property and sacred objects. After four months of fruitless 'investigation', the FBI chose to indict four AIM leaders. No charges were made in the death of Joe Stuntz.

Two defendants, Dino Butler (see Dino & Gary Butler article) and Bob Robideau, were acquitted of all charges in a trial jury months later in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In that trial presiding Judge Fred Nichol stated that it was his belief that the misconduct by government and FBI "in this case is so aggravated that a dismissal must be entered in the name of justice." Charges against a third defendant, Jimmy Eagle, were then dropped for insufficient evidence and, according to an FBI memo, "...so that the full weight of prosecution can be directed against Leonard Peltier."

Thus began an 18th month flight with Canadian officials who, on the basis of phony affidavits since proven to have been manufactured by the FBI, allowed Peltier to be extradited from their country where he

had sought political asylum, to stand trial under a different court and a different judge from that which had acquitted his co-defendants Butler and Robideau.

SHOPPING FOR A JUDGE

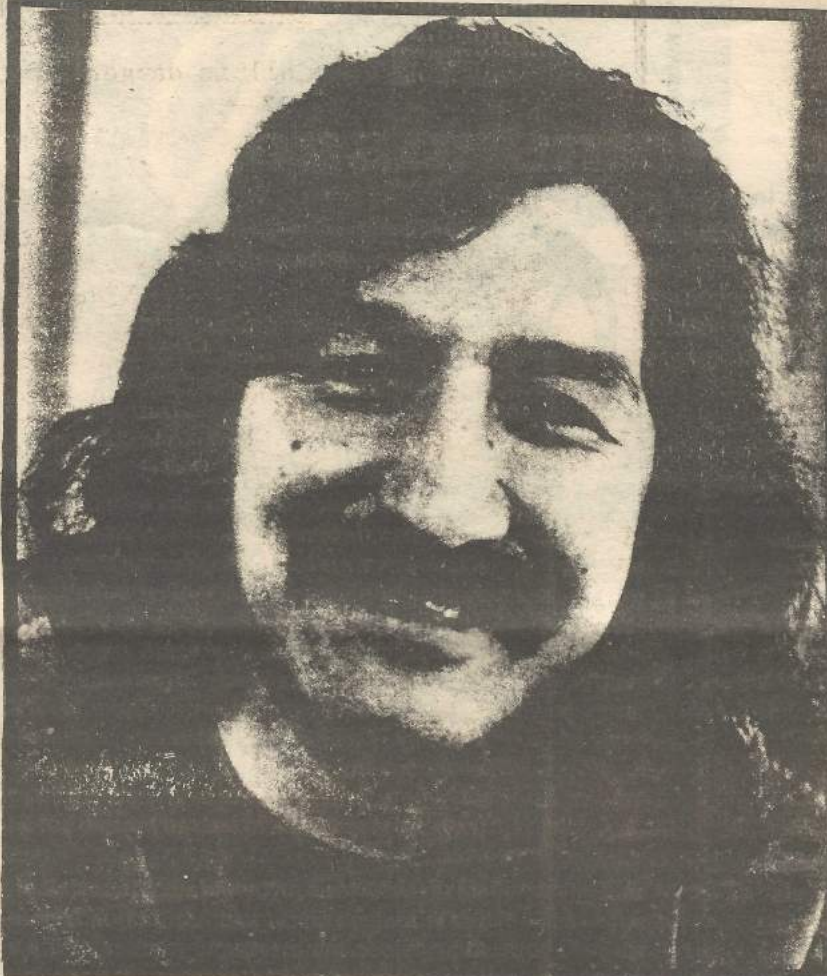
"Shopping for a judge is an old, if not particularly honorable, practice in the American system of justice. But the FBI and federal prosecutors carried it to an unsavory extreme in the murder trial of American Indian activist Leonard Peltier."

So leads a Jack Anderson column dated December 28, 1982, continuing to report that "...the FBI played Monday-morning quarterback after that trial, and concluded the loss was partly the judges fault." The Peltier trial was assigned to Judge Paul Benson's court in Fargo, North Dakota, with other District judges being brought in to clear up his case backlog, to insure their handpicked favorite could accept the case. The prosecution took steps to insure a sympathetic ear with the judge through innumerable pre-trial meetings in which they fed him inflammatory misinformation about groups supporting Peltier, (including that his life was in danger), and warning him that his courtroom may have been bugged by the defense. To say that Benson conducted the trial unjustly is an understatement. A review of the court transcripts validates this accusation. At the FBI's bidding he proclaimed that the FBI was not on trial, but Leonard Peltier, and allowed no testimony to be heard by the jury concerning illegal government activities. After months of prosecution testimony, the defense was allowed one week in which it could not maneuver through Benson's sustained objections and continuous removal of the jury to pre-hear, and pre-censor defense evidence.

Peltier was convicted in June 1977, before an all-white jury, not as constitutionally guaranteed, before a trial by peers. His own words to the judge before his sentencing began with the words, "There is no doubt in my mind or my people's mind you are going to sentence me to two consecutive life terms! You are, and always have been prejudiced against me and any Native American who has stood before you; you have openly favored the government all through this trial and you are happy to do whatever the FBI would have you do in this case." The chief evidence used to

convict Peltier came from ballistic testimony from FBI ballistic's agent Evan Hodge. This crucial evidence forms the basis of Peltier's current appeal, for a memo from Hodge to FBI offices in Washington, which was suppressed in the original trial, clearly states that the gun attributed to Peltier DID NOT match the shell casings found near the agents bodies. A first appeal to the 8th Circuit Court in St. Louis in 1978, before this damaging memo was uncovered through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, was denied. However, in its decision the court wrote, in reference to the FBI's use of falsified affidavits: "...And if they are willing to do that, they must be willing to fabricate other evidence. And it is no wonder that (Indian people) are unhappy and disbelieve the things that happen in our courts..."

In 1979 the Supreme Court of the land refused to hear Leonard's case. In desperation, acting in fear of his life from reports of an assassination plot targeted at him from within the prison system, he escaped from Lumpoc Prison, California - a minimum security prison to which he was transferred - as part of the assassination attempt. Of those who helped him escape, Dallas Thundershield was shot on the fence, Bobby Garcia was recaptured and later found hung in an isolation cell in Terra Haute, Texas, prison. Leonard was recaptured four days later, and convicted of attempted escape. This conviction was later overturned by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, due to the defense's allegation of just cause.



NEW APPEALS EFFORT

In 1980 defense lawyers obtained access to over 12,000 pages of FBI and Justice department documents through the Freedom of Information Act - documents to which they did not have access during the original trial. In addition, several thousand pages were claimed "lost" due to "computer error", and several thousand more remain unavailable to defense for "reasons of national security". On the strength of the new evidence uncovered, the case once again was brought before Judge Benson's court in Fargo on a Writ of Habeas Corpus indicating substantial suppression of exonerating evidence by the government during the trial, and the use of false evidence to obtain conviction. As was expected, Benson denied motions for a new trial. Defense once again appealed to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis and on April 4, 1984, in a unanimous decision, the Appeals Court ordered Benson to hold an 'evidentiary hearing' to examine Agent Hodge's questionable ballistic testimony, upon which, the court's opinion admits, hangs the original conviction.

Meanwhile, supporters and concerned individuals around the world have written letters and conducted petition drives for a new trial. Human Rights organizations such as Amnesty International, the Bertrand Russell Tribunal in Rotterdam, and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva have independently investigated this case, and raised their concerns at an international level. In Washington, fifty members of the U.S. Congress signed an Amicus Curiae (Friend of the Court) brief, stating that "...the Government engaged in the deliberate deception of the trial court and jury through the presentation of evidence the Government knew to be false." Chairman of House Constitutional and Civil Rights Commission, Don Edwards, goes on to add:

"...We believe it is in the interests of all American that this case be retried."



WRITE A LETTER FOR LEONARD

Judge Benson has again denied a new trial and appeal has again been made to the Eighth Circuit. Strong briefs have been filed by Leonard's defense team, by 55 Congressmen, by 47 religious individuals & institutions, and by the Nat'l Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Inc. and Calif. Attorneys for Criminal Justice. The appeal will be argued before the Court in September or October 1985.

One aspect of the appeal revolves around a Supreme Court decision which requires reversal of Judge Benson's decision if there is a reasonable probability that the withheld information might have resulted in a different verdict by the jury in Leonard's trial.

It would help Leonard's appeal if several thousand people wrote letters like the following draft to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

They would have to take notice of a mass of such letters. Please take a few minutes to write a letter on Leonard's behalf. Ask others to write also.

Honorable Donald Ross
Honorable Gerald Hearney
Honorable John Gibson
Judges
Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
1114 Market Street
St. Louis, Mo. 63101

Re: United States v. Peltier
Gentlemen:

I have learned of the appeal to your Court of Leonard Peltier's case on the grounds of the prosecution's withholding of valuable, essential evidence from the defense team. This is only a small part of the lack of fairness and of the injustice involved in the trial. I wish to go on record as believing that reasonable men and women on the jury in his trial might well have reached the not-guilty verdicts that their Iowa counterparts did, had Peltier's defense been given the withheld information and been able to present the full defense that was allowed to the defendants in the Iowa trial.

I hope and pray that the Court will require a new and free jury trial with the freedom to present all relevant facts in an unbiased court. This is the only way in which the credibility of the judicial system and of the outcome of Leonard Peltier's trial might be restored.

With respect and hope,

L.P.S.G.
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BIG MOUNTAIN DAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1985
INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION PICKETING

On July 8, 1986 the U.S. government will move in to the JUA and forcefully relocate 14,000 Dine and Hopi from their traditional home land so that the area can be opened up to the multi-national energy corporations. To do this Congress passed Public Law 93-531. Since 1965 the federal government has held the JUA under a federal economic boycott. 90% of the sheep and goats of these Indian people have been confiscated. The feds have told these people that all that are on the land after the deadline will be arrested and that they will move National Guard Troops and BIA goons into the JUA on July 8. They have already begun to gather their war goods for this invasion.

The government says that this is only a conflict between the Tribal Councils of the Hopi and the Navajos, but when you look at the truth you will find that this is a deceitful conspiracy. The Tribal Councils were forced on the Indian people because of two reasons; first, up to that point the government had to get 2/3 of the Indian people for a treaty. Next they wanted to destroy the traditional form of self-management which they could not control and replace it with something that they could control. The question is how could two tribal councils have a conflict when they are both backed by the U.S. government, they get their money from the government and must get the ok from the government on anything they do?

There is no conflict between the Hopi and Dine people and both are suffering from the relocation. This relocation is genocide to these people and they need our help. Following is what YOU can do to help. First, write Congresspersons and demand the repeal of P.L. 93-531. (Please send copies of letters you get back to the Legal Office). Organize a support group (again contact the Legal office). Organize a picket on Big Mountain Day. Get groups or organizations to endorse the Resolution of Support. (The Survival Network Information Center is coordinating the mailings for Big Mountain Day and we need donations to help this). Contact the media. Educate your community. Following are some resources. From the Legal Office, a slide show, a video. From Berkeley, a booklet, cassette tapes. Please help if you can!

Arthur J. Miller
The Survival Network
Information Center

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF BIG MOUNTAIN

Whereas we are all in danger from the multi-national corporate wars which are escalating in the U.S. and abroad at an alarming rate, and

Whereas this is an international issue since these wars and the wars of other power blocs have no concern for borders, and

Whereas Big Mountain has been declared a profitable commodity by the multi-nationals requiring the "civilizing" of this autonomous area by fencing it and relocating thousands of indigenous people from their homes, so that a few can hold title to the land, thus selling energy rights to the multi-nationals,

Thus, with the understanding that Big Mountain is one struggle in many, we believe that it would not only benefit Big Mountain but, also, the overall struggle if ALL people who can support the following appeal:

We call on all people who can to form informational picket lines, hold vigils or do theatre in front of federal buildings in the U.S. or U.S. Government buildings/U.S. businesses outside of the U.S., on November 6, 1985.

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THE BIRTH OF A NATION

BY ARTHUR J. MILLER

Freedom, liberty, equity are some of the fine ideas the the U.S. was based on, or so said the founders. But a deeper look, beyond the paper fantasies, will show that the U.S. was founded on something else, the perpetuation of GREED.

When the Europeans came to this land they were divided into two groups. First there was the people who were fleeing persecution or economic hardships. The other group were the speculators. Those who saw the "new" land as a means to more wealth.

The speculators murdered Indians and drove them from their lands. The land that they decided was worthless became Indian land. Speculators kidnapped Black People from their lands and made them slaves. Speculators swindled poor Europeans into becoming indentured servants and making it almost imposible for them to work off their debt. The Irish they brought over to work the mines under conditions that would make hell look like paradise. Over 50,000 Irish died digging the canals of New Orleans. They used the Irish because the speculators paid money for the slaves and the Irish cost them nothing. When a worker died they would bury him on the banks of the canal and give his family 50¢. They put young children in the mills to work 14 to 16 hours a day and many were crippled by the machines.

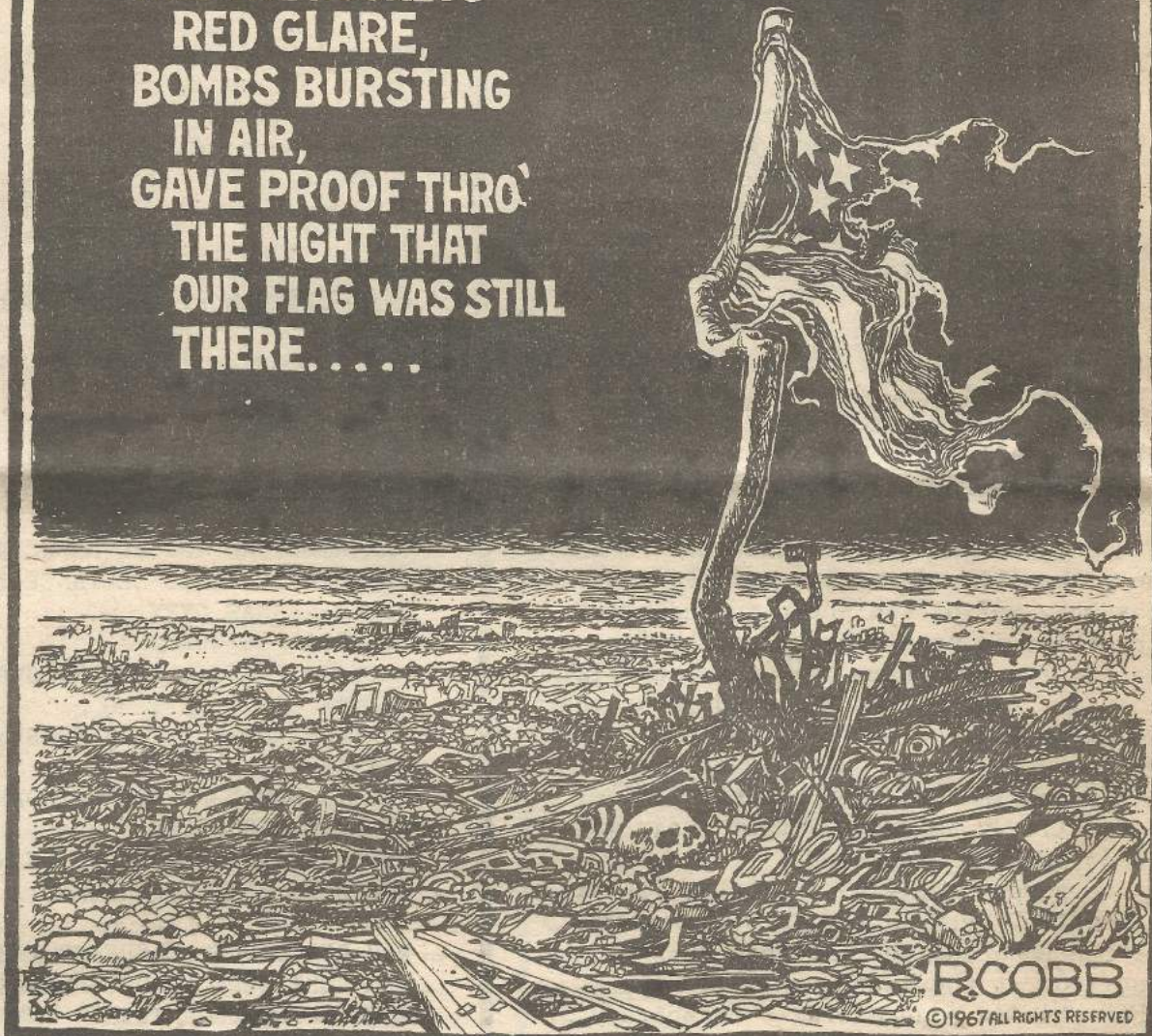
Those who fought back were met with brutality, prison and murder.

REMEMBER! Sand Creek, Frank Little, the Molly Maguires, the slave revolts, Ricardo Flores Magon, the Shoemaker's trial for conspiracy to upgrade wages, Crazy Horse, John Brown, George Jackson, Tina Trudell, the Haymarket Martyrs, Jackson State, Wounded Knee, the Orangeburg Massacre, the Everett Massacre, the Ludlow Massacre, Sacco and Vanzetti, Mooney and Billings, Kent State, the KKK murders, Criminal Syndicalism, Carl Harp, the burning of Chinese homes, the Arcadians, Joe Hill, Anna Mae Aquash, the Trail of Tears, Leonard Peltier, and all others who have given their lives or been thrown into prison for resisting the greed of the speculators.

Where is the freedom? The justice, the liberty, the equity? Where is the greatness in the wars, the exploitation, the rape of Mother Earth? Where is the high ideals in nuclear weapons? Where is the fair play in giving Indians what they view as worthless land then stealing that away from them?

These same people will say my words are unpatriotic, disloyal, unamerican, they will cry out "America love it or leave it". I care for the people, the land; I work for the survival and well-being of all. Yes, I love the land and the people of America, which means I must be disloyal to the "One Nation under the GREED" of the speculators.

AND THE ROCKETS'
RED GLARE,
BOMBS BURSTING
IN AIR,
GAVE PROOF THRO'
THE NIGHT THAT
OUR FLAG WAS STILL
THERE.....



SHUT DOWN THE ARSENAL
MASS DIRECT ACTION, OCTOBER 21, 1985

Rock Island Arsenal is central to everything that is wrong in the U.S. and in the world: the mass-production of instruments of death while millions starve, escalating armed intervention against popular revolutions in the Third World, and rapid moves towards a nuclear World War III. The Midwest has the resources to feed itself and much of the world and to manufacture the machinery to grow that food. Instead, these resources lie idle.

Hundreds blockaded the Arsenal on July 4, 1984, shaking its complacency and demonstrating the strengthening opposition to the Arsenal and what it represents. Project Disarm again calls for mass action to Shut Down the Arsenal on October 21, 1985, to confront and stop this military nerve center in the Midwest.

The Arsenal is the U.S. military's largest manufacturing arsenal. The \$233 million Project ReArm is designed to increase the volume of weaponry available both for intensifying intervention and for all-out global war. 40% of Arsenal arms are sold to U.S. backed regimes. Most Arsenal employees work for the headquarters of the Army's AMCCOM: Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command. AMCCOM manages computer inventory of all conventional, nuclear and chemical munitions for the U.S. Army. It manages assembly and transport of the weapons. It plans for emergency

airlift of weapons. And AMCCOM runs several other Arsenals in the U.S. as well as arms depots overseas. The Arsenal, then, is an essential component in nuclear warfighting plans that are based on the intention and capability of a U.S. nuclear first-strike.

Our appeal is not to those in power, those who are committed to war. Our appeal is to the people: to take risks, to fight for international justice and not the "national interest." Being a Good American in 1985 is no different than it was to be a Good German in 1935.

We must take direct action, to develop resistance to war. Direct action is the only form of resistance those in power cannot ignore. They must divert energies to stop us. Only through collective direct action can we develop the power to make the changes we need.

The Shutdown is a challenge to the determination and creativity of all its participants. Within a set of nonviolent guidelines we will use creative blockade tactics to stop Arsenal workers from reaching Arsenal island to plan and produce for U.S. wars.

The Survival Network Information Center and Bayou La Rose supports this action and calls on all who can to come out for it. Please be there.

For more information
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c/o Disarm Now Action Group
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Chicago, IL 60605-1141
312-427-2533

YELLOW THUNDER CAMP

A LETTER FROM RUSSELL MEANS

Hau Kola (Hello Ally)

You've heard some frightening stories from me before. This one cuts right to the heart.

A unique Lakota Indian community of great hope and courage called Yellow Thunder Camp is standing right in the path of a federally-sponsored uranium mining project.

To understand what makes Yellow Thunder Camp so special to all American Indians, you have to realize where it is.

For centuries, the Black Hills of present-day South Dakota have been sacred to the Lakota Nation. They are, simply put, our holy land. Even the United States government acknowledged the sacredness of the Black Hills as long ago as 1868, in the Fort Laramie Treaty.

But to anyone whose god is money, the Black Hills have exerted an unholy and destructive fascination. Ever since Custer found gold there in 1874, they have been repeatedly raped. And with the discovery of uranium in 1951, a horrible new chapter began.

Yellow Thunder Camp is a small, self-sufficient community where traditional Lakota culture is carefully nurtured and protected -- and where up to 100 troubled Indian teenagers will get a new start on life. It takes up just eight hundred of the more than one million acres of the Black Hills.

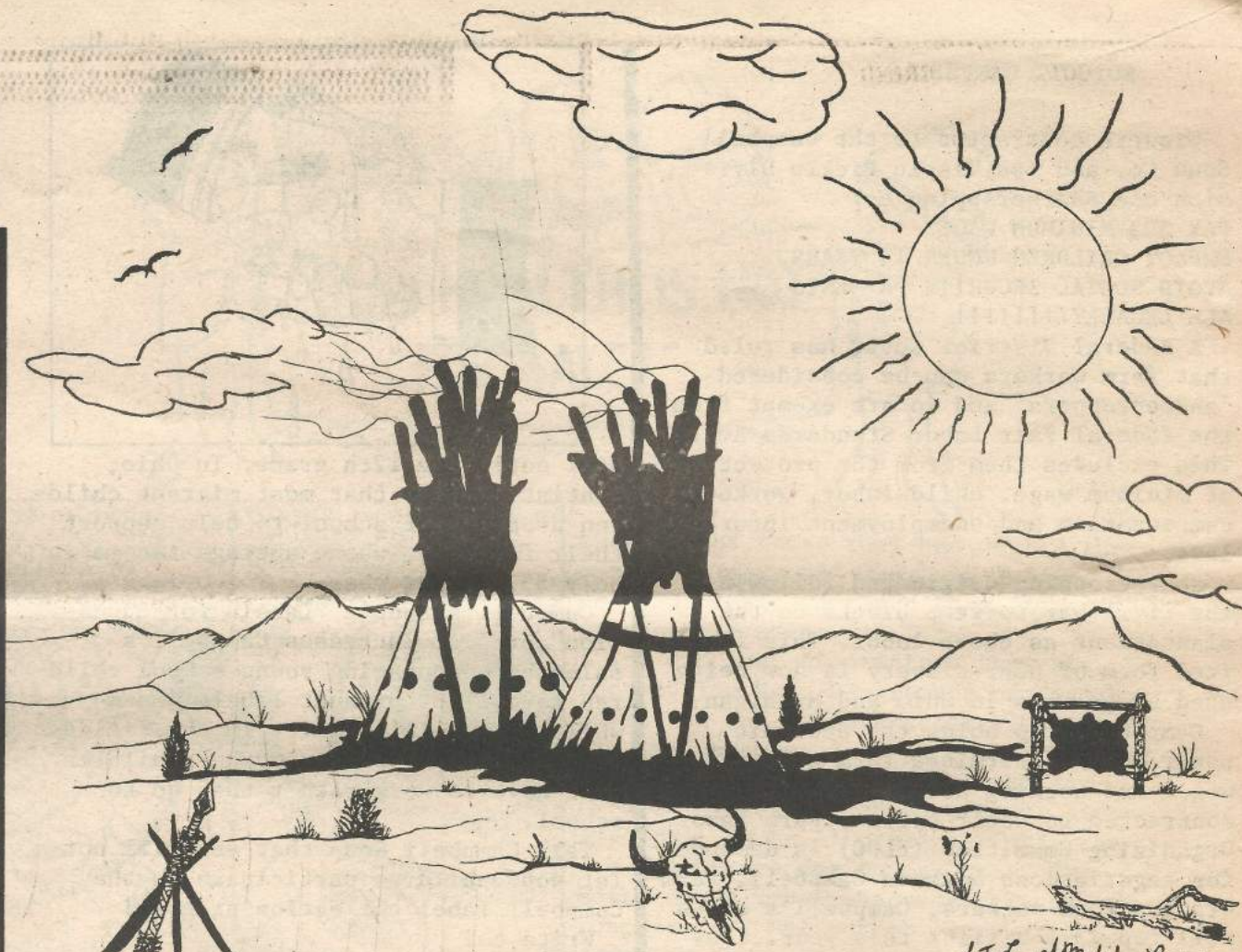
Its no accident that the government has chosen the site of Yellow Thunder Camp for a gravel pit.

Yes, they need to build new roads for heavy mining machinery owned by Union Carbide and Exxon that will tear up the Black Hills. But they also need to eradicate the most vital and visible symbol of resistance and popular culture.

The people of Yellow Thunder Camp need your help to stop this onslaught. Men, women and children -- especially the children -- look to you as an ally.

You see, only a fraction of the Black Hills -- the part run by the Park Service -- remains legally off-limits to the multi-nationals. But the area occupied by Yellow Thunder Camp is owned by the National Forest Service. The Forest Service issues "use permits" to exploit public lands. It approved 54 applications for the Black Hills in the past 5 years. The government said "no" only three times: ALL THREE TIMES TO AMERICAN INDIANS -- and one of those times, they denied our application for Yellow Thunder Camp.

A few months later, they threatened military intervention to get rid of us. But the national news media showed up, and the government decided it was safer to sue. The people of Yellow Thunder



Camp filed a countersuit.

As you read this letter, the government is making its last-ditch arguments for eviction. But I know how strong our case is. And with your support, I am certain we will win.

If this community were not so unusual, I might not be asking your help. But you see, centuries of dispossession and disrespect have virtually obliterated traditional American Indian communities. Yellow Thunder Camp was founded so that Lakota children would receive their true inheritance.

Last year, our commitment to the children grew even wider. Local Tribal Courts on Indian reservations in and around South Dakota will begin to send us kids who haven't any stable homes to live in.

Here, they learn respect for the earth and her children. They learn reading and writing. They learn basic work skills, sharing their energies with everyone in the community.

We will soon have room for 100 children from North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Montana.

These kids are survivors of a monstrous "war of attrition" practiced against Indian people in the name of social good. Today, one out of four Indian children grows up in a non-Indian home through adoption or foster rearing.

Scandal rocked the Navajo Nation recently when it was learned that employees of the federal Indian Health Service were actually selling Navajo infants to the highest bidder.

And the teenagers of Yellow Thunder Camp are survivors -- so far -- of the tragedy of teenage suicide. The national picture is horrifying. It is fifteen times worse among Indian than non-Indian children.

J. L. Melah-Latah
1985

I learned with the greatest sorrow that a girl just eight years old took her own life on the Navajo reservation recently.

There is still hope -- but right now there isn't a single youth program on even one of the nation's 280 Indian reservations.

The hope resides in Yellow Thunder Camp. I have seen what happens.

When a troubled kid lives according to traditional Indian ways for the first time, he experiences something unforgettable. As a form of therapy, its about the furthest thing from the sort of on-and-off, short-term treatment he might get -- but rarely does -- from the dominant society.

The counselling and teaching of Yellow Thunder Camp goes right to his heart.

Danny, a 13-year-old from the Indian ghetto on the south side of Minneapolis, refuses to go back to the city.

Hoksila -- his name means "young boy" in Lakota -- actually ran away from the reservation to live in Yellow Thunder Camp.

Low temperatures this past January in the Black Hills averaged 9 degrees. And in Yellow Thunder Camp, the only form of shelter is a tipi. Despite the hardships, these boys want to live in the Indian way. And the Elders welcome them. They are free to stay as long as they want.

Yellow Thunder Camp and its children have already become a symbol for Indian peoples throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The government and the big corporations know it. And they think gravel is more valuable.

You and I know better. And as allies, we can build the future of Yellow Thunder. Yellow Thunder Continued to page 8

BOYCOTT CAMPBELLS

Growers contracted to the Campbell Soup Co. and its Vlasic Pickle Division use sharecropping to:
 PAY SUB-MINIMUM WAGES
 EMPLOY CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS
 AVOID SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS
 ALL LEGALLY!!!!!!!

A Federal District Court has ruled that farm workers can be considered 'sharecroppers' and so are exempt from the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. This excludes them from the protections of minimum wage, child labor, worker's compensation and unemployment insurance laws.

Sharecropping originated following the Civil War to keep blacks on the plantations as cheap labor. This legalized form of near-slavery is now being used by growers in Ohio and Michigan.

Campbell Soup holds the economic power which determines farm worker wages and working conditions on farms contracted to their company. Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) is demanding negotiations between Campbell, farmers and farm workers. Campbell's sales will top \$3.5 billion this year. They can easily afford to sign a fair contract with farm workers, a contract to end sharecropping.

HISTORY OF FLOC

1967 - Farm workers strike and win 33 contracts with small tomato growers with processors lack the resources to pay fair wages and benefits. Processors begin cancelling contracts with growers who sign contracts with FLOC.

1973 - FLOC allows contracts to expire and starts broad based community organizing to prepare for fight with processors.

1978 - 2,300 Ohio farm workers strike farms contracted to the Campbell Soup Co., demanding negotiations between Campbell, the growers and the farm workers, to set wages and working conditions. Campbell refuses to negotiate.

1979 - FLOC announces nation boycott of all Campbell Soup Co. products. FLOC lawyer is brutally beaten during strike by Putnam County Sheriff and deputies. He sustains permanent cranial nerve damage.

1980 - Ohio State Senate Investigation supports FLOC's position that processors, such as Campbell Soup, hold the economic power and should be included in collective bargaining.

1983 - FLOC President Baldemar Velasquez leads 60 FLOC members on a 560-mile march from Toledo, Ohio, to deliver negotiation demands to Campbell headquarters in Camden, New Jersey.

1984 - FLOC and FLOC's lawyer win \$187,000 in case against Putnam County Sheriff. Organizing drive in Campbell's pickle fields leads to 1,849 new members.

800,000 underaged children work with their families harvesting crops across the nation. Most of these children will not complete the 8th grade and only 11%



will enter the 12th grade. In Ohio, statistics show that most migrant children drop out of school to help support their families, whose average income is only \$3,381 per year.

Campbell's Soup's 'Labels for Education' program increases Campbell's sales by encouraging young school children to collect product labels. Meanwhile, Campbell's policy in the fields means hundreds of farm worker children will have to work rather than go to school.

Tell Campbell Soup that you will not let your children participate in the Campbell label collection program!

Write to:

Gordon McGovern, President
 Campbell Soup Co.

Camden, NJ 08101-2499

PREPARE YOUR FOOD WITH JUSTICE
 BOYCOTT CAMPBELL'S SOUP PRODUCTS
 BOYCOTT INCLUDES:

Campbell's Soup, Le Menu, Prego Spaghetti Sauce, V-8 Juice, Pepperidge Farm, Vlasic Pickles.

Please send donations to:

FLOC

714 1/2 S. St. Clair St.

Toledo, OH 43609.

WORKERS OCCUPY FACTORY

Riot police forced the end of a 19 month occupation at the SKF engineering plant at Ivery, England. However a week later the workers reoccupied the factory and in the process successfully defended themselves against further attacks by the police in battles that lasted several hours.

The occupation originally began when around 250 workers, armed with sticks and other implements, attacked a police cordon sealing off the factory. Every type of missile was thrown: ball bearings, stones, even iron radiators. The riot police in turn used tear gas. The workers occupied the factory once more and took the roof, while cops below fired tear gas. Finally stun grenades were fired and the police stormed the building. Meanwhile workers outside the factory began throwing stones at the police. The roads were also sealed off with lorries to stop police reinforcements from getting in. Wisely, most of the workers were dressed for action, wearing safety helmets and other protective gear.

Eventually after several hours of fighting the police retook the plant for a second time, although on this occasion there were more injuries inflicted on the police than the other way around.

From Black Flag

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der Camp and its children.

The Camp is on the road to self-sufficiency. Much of our energy and our meager funds have been diverted by the government in their suit against us -- but that may soon be over. Right now, contributions from individuals -- Indian, White, Black, Yellow, Brown -- will make the difference.

You've helped me in the past, and that's already made a beautiful difference. Thanks to the support we got from you and hundreds of generous individuals, we won our campaign to give the people of South Dakota their right to decide whether nuclear waste will be dumped in their state.

Now, the kids of Yellow Thunder Camp need your help -- and the need is urgent.

By making a tax-deductible contribution to the American Indian Treaty Council, you'll be buying necessities for Yellow Thunder Camp: tools, seeds, school books, and supplies, basic medical items, and the fresh fruit we're not able to grow here. You'll also be helping with the legal costs of keeping the government out of Yellow Thunder Camp.

The community will be able to build log cabins, domes, and other simple structures. We'll further develop energy sources such as solar and wind that are appropriate to life in the Black Hills.

As an ally of the Treaty Council, you will be working to stop the corporations and the government from crushing our future into gravel.

Join us, and make as generous a contribution as you can. I will keep you fully informed on the outcome of our legal fight and on positive developments at Yellow Thunder Camp. Thank you.

American Indian	Ni kola
Treaty Council	(Your Ally),
444 Crazy Horse Dr.	Russell Means
Porcupine, SD 57772	

Greetings Brothers & Sisters

I am an innocent Native American on death row in Tennessee. I need funds to hire investigators and specialist lawyers to obtain a new trial and prove my innocence. Please contribute to my defense fund. And accept my sincere thanks. Send all contributions to:
 The Iron Hawk Defense Fund
 c/o Melodie Haoztline
 2206 Hillsbore Rd.
 Nashville, TN 37212

Don't let me be a victim of capitol punishment for a lack of capitol.

Thank you very, very much.

Iron Hawk Strouth
 #85450

Station A, Unit 6 2/1
 Nashville, TN 37219-5255

Asbestos

THE DUST OF DEATH

by Arthur J. Miller

(The Manville Corp. has agreed to a plan that would settle all the legal claims filed against the company by asbestos victims. In 1982 Manville sought federal bankruptcy protection in response to thousands of suits filed by asbestos workers who had contracted asbestos-related diseases. The plan will let Manville emerge from bankruptcy. Not only do I feel that the plan is a sell-out, I feel that Manville and other such companies and the government officials who covered up the asbestos tragedy should be viewed as criminals against humanity in the same way the Nazis were. My reasons for this view are outlined in the following article which is a reprint from Bayou La Rose number 10, Fall 1981.)

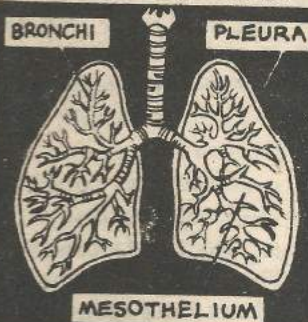
A machine, the owners will maintain and express concern as to its well being. The machine is a capital investment and thus is owned. The machine neither lives or feels, thus the machine does not suffer.

The worker is a slave to wages which must be produced for the worker to survive. The worker's health and well being is not the concern of the owners because the worker is not owned by the boss rather by wages. The worker is not a capital investment but a rented commodity to be used in the most profit-making manner and discarded when no longer needed. If the worker becomes sick, injured or dies, a replacement is easily found.

THE WORKER IS DYING TO SERVE THE BOSS.

TINY WEIGHTLESS ASBESTOS PARTICLES CAN BE FOUND IN AIR SAMPLES THE WORLD OVER. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY ARE DRAWN INTO THE HUMAN LUNG...

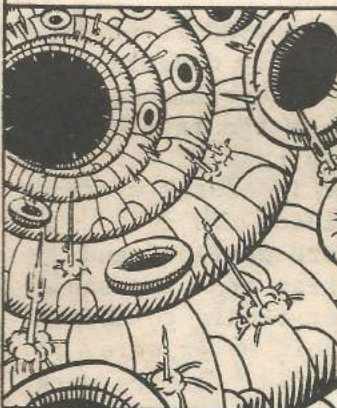
LUNGS ARE BASICALLY THE BRONCHI, THE MANY BRANCHED TREE INSIDE THE LUNGS, THE MESOTHELIUM, THE MEAT OF THE LUNGS, AND THE PLEURA, THE BALLOON-SAC THAT HOLDS THE LUNGS TOGETHER.



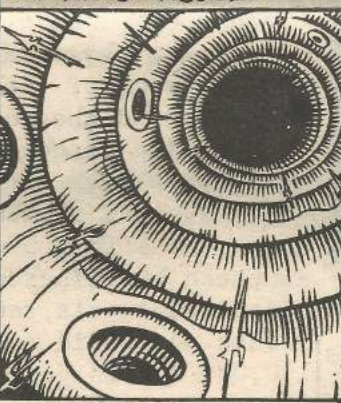
I decided at a point in my life to learn a trade. I was tired of having no money, and finding a job at any money was hard, plus keeping it was harder. I, like many blind fools, began to look in to trade schools. One that I found that I could get into had as its shortest course, marine pipefitting. Using the length as my critier for choice, I began to learn my trade . I saw it as no better or no worse than any other trade; I was there for the money, that's all.

After being cheated by the trade school and traveling thousands of miles

BECAUSE OF THEIR HARPOON-LIKE SHAPE THE PARTICLES CANNOT BE EXPELLED BY COUGHING, AS THEY SAW INTO THE TISSUE.



BARBED INDESTRUCTIBLE PARTICLES ENTER THE BRONCHIAL BRANCHES AND BECOME LODGED IN LUNG TISSUE.

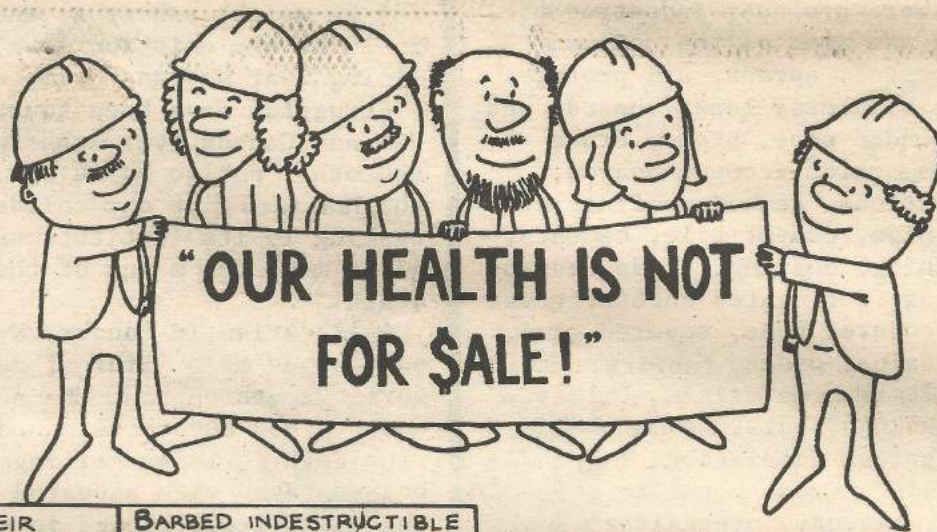
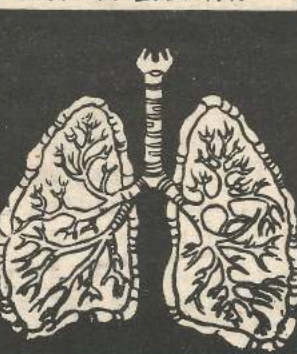


chasing jobs, I learned my trade and found that once I was working as a journeyperson that work was much easier to find. (That is four years ago before the industry fell a part). With four years into pipefitting, I found myself working in a big shipyard out west. On the first Monday of every month we had (what was pretended to be) a safety meeting. One month a man from the union came to talk to us and give us about a two minute rap on asbestos. He did not say what we should do about it. This was the first time that I heard anything bad about asbestos. At that time I did not think too much about it. About three years later I was sitting at a friend's home watching tv and a comercial came on from the government on asbestos and telling pipefitters who had worked on ships for over ten years to see a doctor. (I have worked 13 years on ships). Then I began to read all I could on asbestos and finally after working on ships for over 9 years (then) I read where the government did a research project on pipefitters in a Baltimore shipyard and found

EVENTUALLY THEY BORE THRU THE MESOTHELIUM AND LODGE IN THE PLEURA.



THE PLEURA THICKENS, LOSES ELASTICITY, AND THE VICTIM CANNOT DRAW A BREATH.



that out of those that had worked there over ten years 56% had lung damage. It was then that I decided to write about my possible murderers.

It's not just pipefitters that are effected. The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare statistics estimate that between 4 million to 8 million American workers may die of asbestos-related diseases. The government also says that 10 to 15 percent of all cancer deaths are due to asbestos. The most common asbestos-caused cancer is lung cancer. One out of every three asbestos workers dies of lung cancer. Next, there is Mesothelioma, a cancer of the membrane lining in the chest and abdomen. Some doctors think that asbestos is the primary cause of Mesothelioma.

Then there is Gastro-intestinal cancer. This effects the stomach, large intestine and rectum, caused by the presence of asbestos fibres in the lining of the gastro-intestinal tract. Asbestos is digested though foods and liquids, and fibers that are trapped in the upper part of the lungs are able to reach the stomach being carried by mucus of the lungs to the back of the throat then swallowed. Anyone who inhales asbestos also digests it. And last it is known that asbestos causes Laryngeal (throat) Cancer.

On top of all that cancer, if that is not enough, asbestos causes a breathing disease called Asbestosis-White Lung. This is a scarring of the lung due to exposure to asbestos dust. This disease is similar to silicosis experienced by hard rock miners and black lung of coal miners. As the scarring becomes more extensive, the victim's lungs loses its flexibility and breathing becomes difficult. As the disease develops the sufferer may develop TB, bronchitis, and pneumonia, all of which maybe fatal. Also failure of the right side of the heart is a common cause of death, because the asbestos scarred lungs cannot provide enough air.

WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is one of the most dangerous pollutants ever discovered. Asbestos is a mineral that has a number of useful qualities; it is heat resistant, corrosion resistant and because it is a fibrous material it is very flexible.

Asbestos fibers are near indestrucable.

Following are some of the consumer uses of asbestos: aprons, arm protectors, bags, blankets, locks, boards and shingles, bonded pipe, braid, brake lining, caps, cards, cement boards, cement partitions, cement roofing, cement sewer pipe, cement tile, cements, cloth, clothing, coating, cords, corrugated roofing, corrugated sheets, covered cables, covered hose, covered wire, covers, curtains, discs, fabrics, felt, fillers, filtering materials, filters, flooring, gaskets, hats, helmet hoods, insulated cables, insulation, lagging, legging, lining, mats, metallic cloth, mill boards, mittens, overgaiter, packed corrugated metal gaskets, packing, pads & covers, paints, panels, paper paste, pipe & boiler covers, plastic shingles, pot & pan holders, protected metals, riddons, rings, roof ventilators, rope, sheathing, siding, stove linings, stove mats, suits, table padding, tapes, textiles, thread, tubing & tubes, wallboard, wicking, wire, and yarns.

WHITE BLOOD CELLS GENERATE ACIDS, ATTEMPTING TO DISSOLVE THE PARTICLES SINCE ASBESTOS CANNOT BE OXIDIZED, THE SURROUNDING TISSUE ITSELF IS DESTROYED.

FIBROSIS IS A CONDITION CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS IN WHICH LUNG TISSUE DEVIATES FROM ITS NORMAL FORM AND FILLS THE LUNG CAVITY WITH FIBROUS TISSUE.



Yes, dear friends, not only do you have all these nice asbestos products to contaminate your body with, but also you may have your asbestos for breakfast, lunch, dinner and your leisure drinking. The orange juice that you drink and the vitamin tablet you take with it very well may be filtered through asbestos filters. Many vegetable oils, sugar, and some alcoholic beverages, including 60% of European wines, contain asbestos. They also found one-third of all the drugs tested at Mount Sinai Hospital in 1973 had asbestos in them.

Are you beginning to understand why one out of every four Americans will have cancer? Well here is more. There are over 3,000 products made of or with asbestos. In 1976 over 750,000 short tons were virtually poured into the environment in the U.S.A. alone. All about us is asbestos, millions of indestrucable tons of death. There is no safe level of asbestos in the body; this means that with just one exposure of asbestos could lead to your death! In order to prevent cancer the only safe level is zero exposure. Asbestos is such a potent carcinogen that families of asbestos workers have gotten cancer through exposure to the workers' dirty clothes. Brake linings are 33 to

73% by weight asbestos, and in Canada, in 1970, the emission level from brake lining wear was an estimated 72 tons.

Struggles have been fought in the USA and Canada over asbestos in schools and other public buildings. Not only do the Statists give our children a brainwashing in its institutions, it also gives many the means of their future death.

A librarian in Lander, Wyoming became suspicious of a layer of dust covering furniture throughout the school. The dust turned out to be asbestos, falling from deteriorating ceilings which had been sprayed with asbestos insulation. This school was closed in April of 1972. This discovery sparked many investigations of schools throughout the USA and Canada.

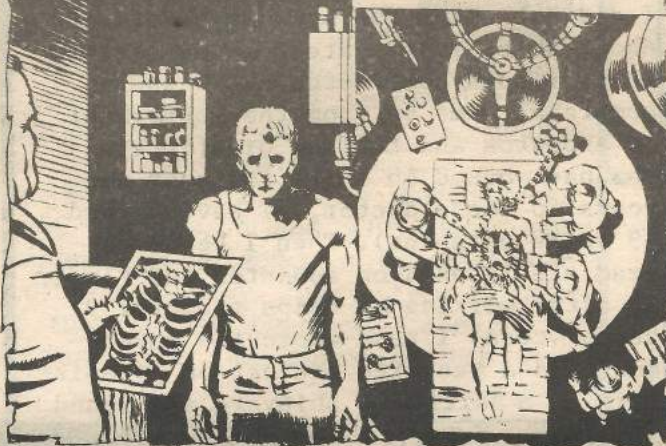
A London physician in 1900 first discovered some of the deadly dangers of asbestos and the world governments have been trying to cover up the facts from the people ever since.

Asbestos is present in nearly every store, or office building. In 1975 nineteen buildings were examined and contained levels ranging from thousand fibers per cubic meter of air to about 100,000 fibers per cubic meter were found. Millions of office workers work in asbestos contaminated buildings; over half the U.S. skyscrapers are contaminated. Fresh-air systems often circulate right over the sprayed-on asbestos, picking it up and dispersing in the air through out the building for all to breathe.

Airborne asbestos is not restricted to communities with asbestos plants or in buildings but also in the cities themselves. Of 50 U.S. cities recently sampled, all had measurable levels with

BUT YOU FOUND OUT THE HARD WAY...

WHEN YOU FINALLY HAD TO YOUR PLEURA WAS REMOVED...



New York having the highest. This contamination comes mainly from brakes.

What do you do with all those asbestos buildings? If you tear them down you will desperse more fibers in the air. Asbestos fibers are very little, wind picks them up, this makes contamination very wide spread.

The drinking water in most of the U.S. and Canadian cities are now contaminated because of use of asbestos cement pipes and asbestos from other sources entering water systems.

THEN THEY PUT A HOSE IN YOUR SIDE TO YENT THE LIQUID THAT BUILT UP ...

AFTER MANY YEARS THE BRONCHIAL TISSUE BECOMES INVOLVED TO THE POINT THAT THE VICTIM SLOWLY SUFFOCATES.



As regulations are tightened in the U.S. and Canada, the bosses are migrating their death factories abroad. Poor, oppressed countries are the victims. Contries like Taiwan, South Korea, Brazil, and India. With Bonzo Reagan as head U.S. statist, we will probably see what regulations that now exist vanish in the paper shredder with regulations on coal dust, lead, cotton dust and all safety regulations that may cost the bosses any money. Where ever there is a fibrous material, people should automatically suspect asbestos. Demand that a sample be sent to a reliable laboratory for identification.

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF ASBESTOS, GOVERNMENT, OR CAPITALISM!!

NAVAJOS STRIKE BLACK MESA MINE

Navajo members of the United Mine Workers of America Local 2483 are on strike against the Black Mesa Pipeline Co. surface mine in Arizona. They have been on strike since March 1st.

The miners are striking to be on a par with other union members who work at Peabody Coal Co's Black Mesa and Kayenta mines. They are also fighting for medical and dental coverage without the current \$100 deductible.

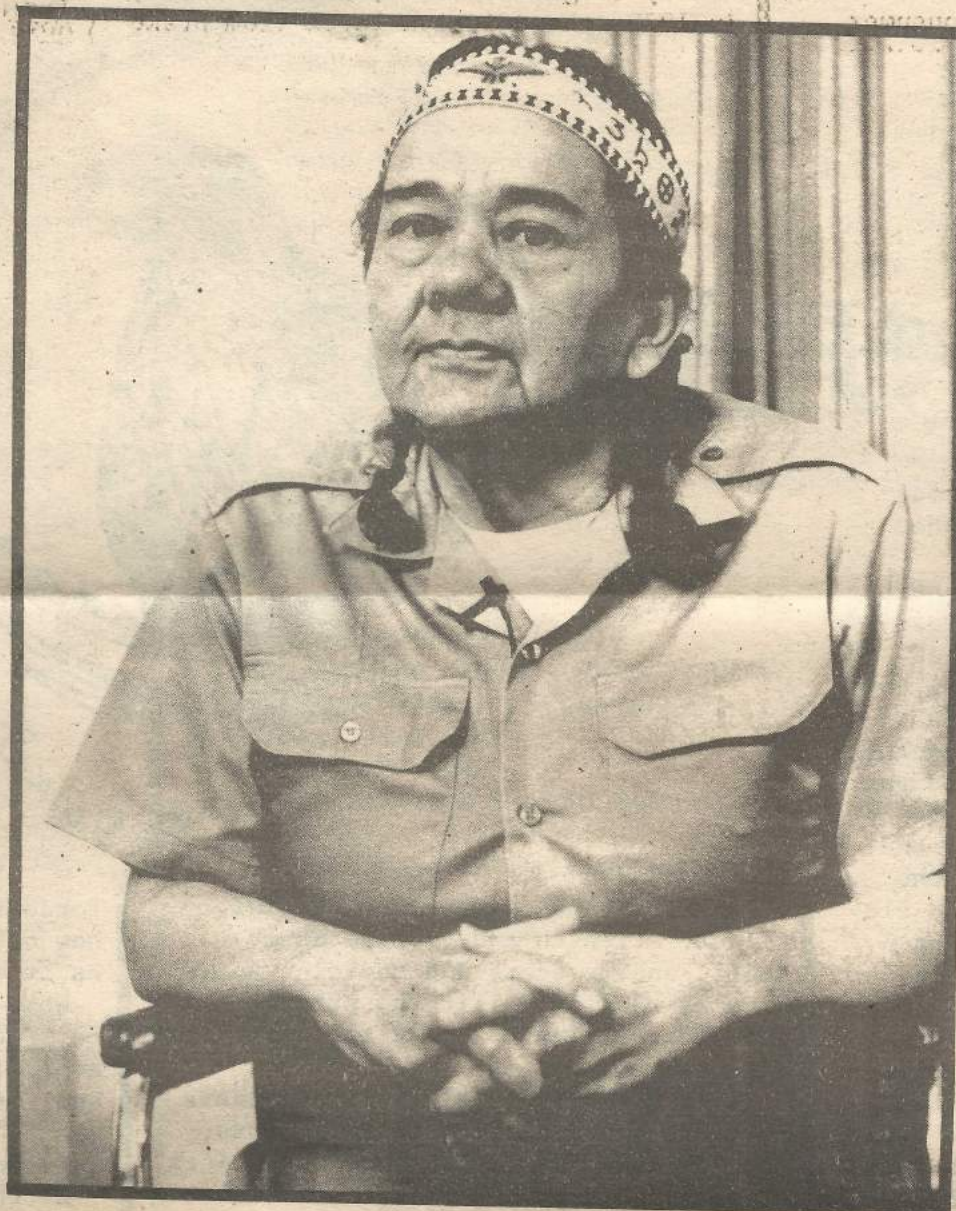
PHELPS DODGE STRIKE CONTINUES

After 26 months, the strike does not look any closer to ending. There was a "Decertification" election held at Phelps Dodge by the National Labor Relations Board where the scabs got to vote and the strikers did not. This election is under appeal. If this is upheld, then all a union-busting boss needs to do is refuse to negotiate with the unions and when the workers strike and the bosses bring in scabs, they can have a "Decertification" election and bust the union. This about ends any illusion that the NLRB does anything useful for workers; rather it is the union-busting arm of the government.

Please send contributions to: Copper Relief Fund, S.A.C.L.C., 606 South Plumer, Tucson, AZ 85719. For more information read: Morenci Miners News, Local 616, P.O. Box 1017, Clifton, AZ 85533

STANDING DEER TESTIFIES

Standing Deer (Robert Hugh Wilson 01499-164) is presently at USP Lompoc in open population. He was transferred there from the US Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri (USMCFP) on July 26, 1985 after more than 22 months in solitary confinement. His transfer there concluded another chapter in his courageous stand on behalf of Native American activist and political prisoner Leonard Peltier. On July 17th, he testified in a hearing in Federal court in Springfield, Missouri concerning the government assassination plot on Leonard Peltier's life which had originated, according to his testimony, at USP Marion in 1979.



STANDING DEER

The testimony was given in a hearing held pursuant to a court order in a lawsuit entitled Peltier et al. v. Carlson et al. The action was one challenging as unconstitutional the solitary confinement of Standing Deer, Leonard and Albert Garza and the refusal of the prison authorities to allow them the practice of their religion. The lawsuit also raised issues relating to harassment and retaliatory actions against them in response to their litigation. Due to evidence that they and their attorney, Margaret G. Gold, had been threatened with their transfer to Marion if they brought litigation or other attention to USMCFP, a hearing was to be held prior to their transfer anywhere and it was at this hearing that Standing Deer was allowed for the first time to testify about the government's hiring of him to kill Peltier. Standing Deer testified: that he had been approached by a prison doctor while he was so incapacitated by back pain due to degenerative disc disease that he was unable to leave his bed even for purposes of toilet; that Marion officials refused him all medical treatment and the only way he received food or water was if other inmates threw these into his cell where he was

kept in locked status; that he was told by the Captain of the guard at Marion and another man wearing a brown suit that if he would "neutralize" Peltier he would be given medical treatment which was given to him as he was moved into the hospital as soon as he indicated his cooperation; that to test the power of the individuals with whom he was dealing, he asked that seven detainees out of Oklahoma be dropped and testified that in fact these were expunged from his record; that when he met Leonard Peltier, he realized that he could not go ahead with the agreement and that he disclosed the plot to Leonard and they agreed to pretend to go along with it on the fear that the government agents would just find another assassin; that Leonard was his spiritual leader who reconnected him with his tradition and religion; that he was released from the Control Unit at Marion to become the clerk of the Captain at Leavenworth where he was transferred as part of the plot to set Leonard up at Lompoc where he was to be killed; that he got information about another assassin at Lompoc and

communicated that information to Leonard; that he was fired from his clerk's job the morning that Leonard escaped in fear for his life. Also elicited in evidence were facts indicating that the three others who were involved in the escape were killed or mysteriously disappeared.

A motion was made in the case to prevent his transfer to Lompoc on the grounds that his life was in danger at the institution where the escape took place and that it was an interference with his access to court and to his counsel. However, the court denied this motion on the ground that the matter had already been determined. The United States Attorney was instructed to inform Lompoc of the situation so as to

prevent consequences from his testimony. Standing Deer was transferred to Lompoc but no special instructions were issued to the legal official there. Standing Deer's life will be safeguarded to the extent of public awareness. For this purpose letters to Standing Deer at Lompoc and to the warden are extremely helpful. His address there is USP 3901 Klein Boulevard, Lompoc, Ca. 93436. As a result of the hearing an order was issued by the court to expunge a memo from his file which has followed him everywhere since his incarceration in 1976. Standing Deer continued to Page 16



SHACKLED FROM SOARING

Joe Still Smoking Robinson
Defense & Support Group
"A kicita Sinte Luta"-Redtail Soldier



Br:
A kicita Sinte Luta

Brothers and Sisters, hau!
Pray that all of you are in Strong Spirit, and well as my voice reaches out to you.

I have once again arrived back here at USP Marion, here in the "Control Unit" since I have come back in Feb. 85 from my trip back to USP Lewisburg to stand trial for the "Invented & Fabricated" murder charges the U.S. Government and prison Administration had put on me.

Kola's after a very long trial, and after fighting very hard against the U.S. Government's "conspiracy" and sleazy moves to get me railroaded; "on Feb. 19, 1985 I was found not guilty of all invented charges the U.S. Government tried to railroad me on". I was "Acquitted" on all charges by a jury. Since my trial I have been sent back to Marion's "hellhole" and I have been put right back in Marion's "death hole" the control Unit, even though I have been found innocent of all charges that originally got me sent here from Lewisburg to begin with. I am "illegally" being kept here in the Control Unit by prison Administration and officials because I continue to "resist" against all of their wrong-doings, and because I continue to fight the Government and officials for my Traditional Beliefs and Ceremonies that our ancestors have left us as our way of life.

The only reason I was sent here to begin with, and the reason I am still being kept here at Marion is because I was a member of the Lewisburg Spiritual/Cultural Council of Native Nations (Survival Network Affiliate), and I am affiliated with other Native groups.

The prison officials sent me here to the Control Unit because of my "stand-fast" resistance, and because they came to fear all I fought for; "they do not understand our ways" and they truly fear what they cannot conquer.

The officials' sleazy move to set me up on a murder charge was easy and a way to justify transferring me to the Control Unit; they even dug up "coward inmates" to fabricate and testify against me, because the government promised them "parole" for their testimony; those "cowards" are now on the streets, "but their lies could not fool the jury"!

Just because my wings have been broken, and I have been chained to a cage, my spirit still flies "free" and my will only grows stronger!

Tunkashila has given me a special, silent, strength and courage in my heart, and my scars and medicine songs give my warrior spirit the strength I need to continue to fight these attacks directed against me.

It is not only myself; all prisoners here are being subject to very gross, and inhumane "violations and injustices" of our rights by the prison officials and the U.S. Courts here.

I personally shall continue to demand my right and freedom to exercise and practice my Traditional Native religion.

In here, my brothers and sisters, the "trick" is to fight to the very last breath; if one resigns themselves, you become dead and the "human zombie" these people want you to act like; they want you to lose all beliefs, values, human feelings and the discipline to keep these morals one holds inside.

This place remains a "death house"; there are no programs, no work, and every awakening becomes hours of more mindnumbing stretches of nothing, just waiting for another meal of "garbage" they call food.

I just came off a "Spiritual Fast" and I had to personally speak to the Regional Director just to be allowed to have issued to me my "Medicine Bundle" and other spiritual items by the Chaplain (just another cop!). I was hassled and looked upon as some "animal" when I had my prayer ceremonies in my cell and I burned my sacred sage, cedar, sweetgrass and tobacco by the guards.

I was only given my spiritual items after many months of fighting these officials here, and was only allowed them for the time I was on my fast; then I was made to give them back up.

These spiritual items I should be allowed at all times, I practice my religion at all times, not just once a week or whenever they want to allow me to, I live my religion; these officials

force regulating when, where and just how often they wish for me to worship, as it stands right now.

What they fail to understand is my religion cannot be separated from me ever; it is in my heart and free spirit, and I shall never let these people shackle my heart, or distort my reasoning mind.

As the total lockdown here at Marion continues, and the prisoners' lawsuit goes on about all the wrong doings and and disregard for all human life here, I ask that all supporters continue to write letters of protest about these injustices and the continued lockdown and prisoner beatings. I can tell you that no one deserves the inhumane treatment that goes on behind these walls; even the worst criminal in life imprisonment sitting in his, or her cell - the Center of them is the same seed, the seed of the whole creation, and to subject one to such inhumane injustices as these officials here do is not only wrong in the laws of the so-called government, but is wrong in the eyes of mankind worldwide!

Also wrong is the U.S. Government and all agencies out west who are destroying and trying to strip the sacred lands of the Big Mountain People; to take this sacred land is to take the lives of these people who live there, because the land itself is the people.

The technological and materialistic path the blind government follows is the most unnatural way of life man has ever tried, and I see my people as the victims of the Government's "capitalism".

The Big Mountain People are living proof of exactly what this sacred land means to them; it is their life, as it was their forefathers before them.

These people of Big Mountain and all of the "Oyate Luta"-Red People-live nature as a way of life; we are not separated from nature as the contempor-

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Principles of Revolutionary Unionism

Principles of the International Workers Association, originally adopted at its founding congress in January, 1923.

1: The goal of revolutionary unionism is the reorganization of social life on the basis of libertarian communism, which can only be achieved by the revolutionary action of the working class itself. Only the economic organization of the proletariat, and not political parties, are capable of reaching this objective.

2: Revolutionary unionism aims at the abolition of class privilege by the establishing of economic communities and administrative organisms run by the workers in the fields and factories, forming a system of free councils without subordination to any State power or political party. Revolutionary unionism poses the economic reorganization of society as the alternative to the politics of states and parties. The goal of revolutionary unionism is not the conquest of political power but the abolition of all statism in the life of society. The disappearance of the class monopoly of private property in the means of production must also be accompanied by the disappearance of all forms of domination.

3: Revolutionary unionism combines the daily struggle for the economic, social and intellectual advancement of the working class within the limits of present-day society with the revolutionary goal of common action by all manual and intellectual workers, in all sectors of the economy, to create self-management of all production and distribution processes in the interests of the community.

4: Revolutionary unionism is opposed to centralist organization in which the needs of society are subordinated to the interests of a few, variety is replaced by uniformity and personal responsibility is replaced by unanimous discipline. It is for this reason that revolutionary unionism is based on federalism, a free organization which works from the base to the top by uniting all forces in the defense of common ideas and interests.

5: Revolutionary unionism rejects all parliamentary activity, and all delegation of power to legislative bodies. It holds that even the freest voting system cannot bring about

the disappearance of the clear contradictions at the heart of present-day society.

6: Revolutionary unionism is internationalist, it rejects all arbitrarily created political and national frontiers and declares that what is called nationalism is the religion of the modern state, behind which is concealed the material interests of the ruling classes. Revolutionary unionism recognizes only the self-determination and free federation of all regions.

7: Revolutionary unionism fights against militarism and war and advocates the general strike to prevent war. In case of war, revolutionary unionism demands the boycotting of all war materiel, with the exception of a country where the workers are in the midst of a social revolution, in which case it is necessary to help them defend the revolution. During the revolution, workers' militias, controlled by the workers' unions, must be substituted for standing armies.

8: For revolutionary unionism, direct action is the means of struggle; for example, occupations, strikes, boycotts, sabotage, etc. Direct action finds its fullest expression in the general strike which may, at the same time, be the prelude to the social revolution.

9: While revolutionary unionism is opposed to all organized violence of the State, it realizes that there will be violent clashes during the decisive struggles between the capitalism of today and the free communism of tomorrow. Thus, it recognizes as valid that violence which can be used as a means of defense against the violence used by the ruling classes during the social revolution. As expropriation of the land and the means of production can only be carried out and brought to a successful conclusion by the direct intervention of the workers' revolutionary economic organizations, defense of the revolution must be in the hands of the workers' own economic organizations and is not the task of military or quasi-military bodies developing independently of these economic organizations.

10: Workers' revolutionary unionism is the only social force that can bring about the self-emancipation of the workers from capital and the State.

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LIBERTARIAN UNIONISM

by Arthur J. Miller

The modern call for Libertarian Unionism comes from vast experience of workers who have learned the hard way that no other form of worker organization can be trusted. We workers have had to endure numerous organizations that claim to be functioning in our behalf. The business unions like the AFL-CIO and Teamsters are not only corrupt, but they have taken that corruption to the point of institutionalizing it where the fleecing of workers becomes their primary purpose. Trade unionism "pure and simple", that's what they call it, which is in truth a protection racket, where the union bosses become parasites upon the workers' backs.

Then there are the political parties who hype us into supporting them. The capitalist parties may claim to have our well-being at heart but reality shows that we workers are the ones who make all the economic sacrifices and fight their wars while these parasites do nothing but enrich themselves at our expense.

Then there are the so-called "workers parties", communist and socialist, where we workers become machines to function mindlessly for their social plans which we have no say in.

We also find sectarian demagogues out preaching their pie-in-the-sky correct lines expecting we workers to follow them without question, for to do other than that would be an acknowledgment of our backwardness.

All these groups are out to impose their way upon us and to ensure themselves as our "Leaders". None care about what we want or what effect their way will have on us. Their whole purpose is to control us for their benefit. They have ALL earned our full distrust.

The one thing that our experiences have taught us and that is that the only ones we can trust is ourselves. Anytime we delegate our power to someone else, we become exploited by a new parasite. So without a doubt we have learned the hard way that WE must control our own organizations. We must not delegate our power to anyone; rather we must act together in our own interests. This is Libertarian Unionism. We workers have the power of production and

services in our hands. We workers have the creative genius to take the ideas of others and make them into reality. We should no longer be treated like "beasts of burden" on one hand, then on the other create wonders of achievement.

We have been used; we have been had and we know it. Not only do we pay the price for it, but so do our families, our world. The exploiters, both of the right and the left, have removed any sense of social responsibility from our work. Without us, the exploiters could not rape the land. They could not pollute the air and water. They could not produce weapons of war. It is not the exploiters who cripple, sicken and kill workers on the job. We do it to ourselves. Because we do nothing about it. In the past, the world has been able to survive this arrangement. But how about the future? When will they use the nuclear bombs we workers made? When will the earth no longer be able to withstand the pollution and rape we impose upon her?

The time has come when we must not only take control of our work and our organizations for our own benefit, but we must take control to survive! We

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RESISTANCE NEWS

SUPPORT RESISTERS IN STRUGGLE!

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FREE ALL P.O.W.S!!!!!!



ANARCHIST BOOKSTORE TRASHED BY "SKINS"

The anarchist bookstore in San Francisco, Bound Together Books, had its window kicked in and a worker assaulted by a small group of "skins". The past year has seen an increasing problem with the "skin-heads" in the Haight-Ashbury district with many of them openly espousing a Nazi-tinged brand of patriotism. Sexism, racism, homophobia and anti-semitism are their trademark and they have been involved in many incidents of physical and verbal abuse of area residents and merchants.

In a recent leaflet distributed by the skin-head/Nazis they marked specific groups as targets claiming they either were "anti-American" or spread disease. These included punks, anarchists, communists, gays, and hippies.

The information in this item was taken from the latest Brix & Bottles, an anarchist quarterly, available from 1369 Haight, San Francisco, CA 94117.

From Fifth Estate

PRISONER SUPPORT

Here at the Justice Division of American Friends Service Committee, we are extremely concerned with the injustices and human rights violations that habitually occur all too often in prisons across the land. Even though we are not a political organization we are appalled at the atrocious happening at prisons and jails. Some of our activities include:

1. OUTLOOK ON JUSTICE - a two-year-old monthly newsletter sent nationwide and abroad discussing criminal justice issues written by prisoners, volunteers, and concerned citizens.
2. TORTURE FORMS - standard forms from Amnesty International which we send to prisoners and then process the forms to branches of A.I. in New York and London.
3. Direct prisoners to places of possible legal aid.
4. Abolition of the Death Penalty.
5. Abolition of the use of force - hog-tying, gassing, and beatings.
6. Presumptive sentencing.

For more information and to send names of prisoners who need help write to: A.F.S.C., 48 Inman St., Cambridge, MA 02139, (617)864-3150.

ANARCHIST PUBLISHER JAILED FOR WORDS

West German publisher, journalist, and founder of the Anarchist Documentation Centre, Horst Stowasser, was found guilty of "insult to an officer" and condemned to jail. The points the court found as an insult were:

1. A soldier is a representative of organized power.
2. The profession of soldiering consists of simply killing people.
3. Any soldier is a professionally trained murderer.

Horst gave a long and spirited speech which lasted 8 hours and furnished proof that the so-called insult was nothing but sad reality and that, even in judicial terms, in a modern war 92% of the killing must be called murder according to international law. He proved that the court had made 3 falsifications in quoting his article. He proved that even soldiers in their own literature frequently entitle themselves murderers, and that this trial was nothing but a political campaign inspired and supported by the army and its ministry, in order to stop the anti-militarist wave that has been bothering the army. None of his arguments were taken into consideration, and the judges stated, they had "nothing to do with the case".

From L.W.B.

REPRESSION IN GREECE

During the past months I have been the victim of continuous political persecutions on the part of the General Police Department of Athens, and the Special Political Police. So, because of the police services' imperiousness, I am awaiting four new trials, as well as waiting for the judgement of the court of Appeal and judgement about an old trial against me.

The accusations concern articles and posters (some written by me and some others not) denouncing the murders of persons by the police (Kanellopoulou and Koumis, November 16, 1980, Vasilis Tsironis, July 11, 1978, etc.) the conditions and terrorism in prisons and the psychiatric clinics, and the soldiers' suicides in the army.

Since 1974 and up to the present time, hundreds of demonstrators and prisoners have been tortured and killed

ed by the guns and bullets of M.A.T. and M.E.A. (units of Special Police).

What is an everyday occurrence is the death of young junkies from heroin and its distribution by the Police Department Drug units, the suicides of prisoners in the Psychiatric Clinic of Korydallos prisons, the torture of prisoners of Kerkyra prison, the misery of living in the Psychiatric Clinics of Leros and Dafni, the alcoholism increase, the loneliness between parts of Greek society, the suicides in the army and the cities, the policies of the police, the factionalization of the language, persecutions against the socially disadvantaged.

The violation of personal rights in Greece, starting from the prohibition of the right to expression, has caused an increase in social struggle in "socialistic" Greece.

My activism in social change struggles "obliges" the Greek authorities to put me in prison in order to make an example of me. In view of my predicament, I ask for the assistance of anarchists, anti-authoritarians, autonomous as well as any free persons all over the world.

You may send assistance, letters or money to:

Papadopoulos Panayiotis
Papavasiliou Christina
Editors of the Autonomous Newspaper "Breaker"
6 Emanouilidou Str./Amfithea
17564 Palaio Faliro
Athens, Greece

GARY TYLER

On October 7, 1974, a mob of white youths and adults surrounded a school bus filled with Black students, in Destrehan, Louisiana, pelting the bus with bricks and bottles. Young Gary Tyler was on that bus. The Black students saw a white man in the mob with a shotgun pointed at the bus. As they ducked for cover, a shot rang out and a white student standing near the bus fell dead.

Thus began the frameup of Gary Tyler, age 16. Today, 11 years later, Gary Tyler remains a prisoner of the state of Louisiana, condemned to serve his life in prison for a crime which he did not commit. He was tried before an all-white jury in a KKK - inflamed atmosphere. The trial resulted in Gary being sentenced to die in the electric chair. The courts have admitted that the trial was fundamentally unfair, and that he was denied the presumption of innocence. The death sentence has been set aside and, instead, Gary is now sentenced to life in prison.

Please, write to:
Governor Edwin Edwards
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA

And ask that Gary Tyler be given a pardon.

For more information write to:
Committee To Free Gary Tyler
P.O. Box 30201
New Orleans, LA 70190-0201

BUTLER TRIAL UPDATE

The trial of Dino, Gary and Robert were joined together on July 23 by Judge Londer and the trial date confirmed for Sep. 3, 1985, Multnomah County Court-house, Portland, Oregon.

Dino, Gary and Robert are facing charges of 1st degree murder, felony murder, attempted murder and burglar. These accusations stem from the death of a grave robber in Toledo, Oregon. All three men and their supporters maintain that they are innocent and are being targetted to stop their work on behalf of Native rights, including protection of Native burial grounds, fishing and hunting rights, land issues and for Freedom of Religion for Indigenous People.

A bail hearing was held for Robert Van Pelt - bail was set at \$75,000. To have him released 10% (\$7,500) is needed. Upon completion of all court appearances the money (minus \$200) will be returned. Any assistance that can be given to free Robert is greatly needed.

Prior to the actual trial a motion will be heard by the judge concerning the issue of use of witnesses who have been subjected to hypnosis. The two eye-witnesses in the case were both subjected to hypnosis twice (with cops present) prior to making their identification of Dino and Gary. The defense maintains that their testimony has been tainted by hypnosis. This will be the second time that the court will hear this information which is crucial to the defense.

To write Dino, Gary and Robert: Darlelle Dean Butler, Gary Leroy Butler, Robert Van Pelt, M.C.D.C., 1120 S.W.3rd, Portland, OR 97204.

Please send donations to: Butler Support Group, P.O. Box 66224, Portland, OR 97622.

THE MARIONETTE

THE PRISONERS' NEWSLETTER OF MARION PENITENTIARY

Long time Bayou La Rose readers will remember Bill Dunne who was the editor of the Washington State Prison Newsletter. At that time he was in Walla Walla. The prison tried everything they could to suppress that publication. Even when they put Bill in the hole he still got it out. The courts said that he had a right to publish it. So in the end the prison transfer Bill and two of his co-workers into the federal prison system. Since that time, he has been in Lewisburg, Lompoc and now Marion.

Now Bill is at it again, publishing a prisoners' newsletter in the worse prison in the U.S., the hell hole known as Marion. And as in the past, the prison does not like its dastardly deeds to be known outside of the walls nor do they like the idea of prisoners airing their views, so after two issues they are on Bill's case. For copies of the Marionette and to send donations write to: Marion Prisoners Task Force, P.O. Box 713, Murphysboro, IL 62966. Write letters of support to: Bill Dunne, #10916-086, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.

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ary Western man of society is. The "wicasa luta"- Red Man-is not removed from the trees, the birds, the insects, and animals, or weather, as others are. I send my prayers and songs out for my "Oyate" of Big Mountain in their time of hardship, and I urge all others to offer support for our people of Big Mountain. I want to let all know that my deepest gratitude is out for all of your support in my trial and up till now. "Pila-maye"

In closing, my brothers and sisters, I just want all of you to know that my warrior spirit remains strong. I know there are reasons for my being here and I must continue to prove my worthiness. I relize it is very hard for all of you out there from day to day with all the hardships on life's path. I just want you all to know that your actions and support are going to help open this cage's door for me and help achieve a victory over these officials who illegally are keeping me here in Marion's Control Unit.

I ask that your letters to the following officials state you are aware of my being kept here wrongly, and that you urge for me to be sent back to Lewisburg where I will have use of "Imipi"-Sweat Lodge and be near my loved ones. Also I want all to know that my special Kola; George Lepley who represented me in my trial and his partner Jim Protasio and all staff at their office deserves all credit for a great professional job in defending me against great odds; they went out of their way to help my loved ones through my dark ordeal. I shall be praying that Tunkashila will look upon all of you in his most favorable blessings. "Hau"

Mi Takuye Oyasin

Ni Kola

Joe "Still Smoking" Robinson
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"LAKOTAH"

Letters of support and protest write to:

Norman Carlson; Director
U.S. Bureau of Prisons
320 First St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20515
Warden J.T. Wilifford
P.O. Box 1000
Marion, IL 62959

To write about what you can do;
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P.O.W. #80667-011
P.O. Box 1000 L/Q H-Unit/D-4
Marion, IL 62959



PRISONERS LIVE IN TERROR OF THE ARYAN BROTHERHOOD

We have learned of several prisoners in Texas prisons who live in daily terror of death at the hands of the Aryan Brotherhood gang of inmates. Charles Young was stabbed 34 times and left for dead and Michael Williams barely escaped attack by jamming his door shut during the same incident. Please write letters demanding safety for these two prisoners and others from the Aryan Brotherhood-Nazis. Write letters to: Governor Mark White, Office of the Gov., State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711, Director, Texas Board of Corrections, P.O. Box 99, Huntsville, TX 77340. Willelming Deco, House of Rep., P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78769. William La Rowe, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711. Let them know that they are responsible for their safety.

Write letters of support to: Michael G. Williams, #317838, Darrington Unit, Rt. 3, Box 59, Rosharon, TX 77583. Charles R. Young, #354692, Rt. 1, Box 1, Wynne State Farm, Huntsville, TX 77349.

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must develop social responsibility for what we produce and the services we perform. It matters little what we call ourselves or the form of organization we take on. What matters is that we control the organization and that the purpose of the organization is workers' self-management and social responsibly. Those who tell us that we must do it their "way", no matter how good their intentions are, just continue the old problem. A self-managed organization is not an institution in its self, rather it is only its members. the workers are not an extension of the organization; the organization is an extension of the workers. Their collective and individual desires. By pure definition, worker self-management is free association, thus it cannot be just one organization, rather it is many organizations, and the One Big Union of the working class is the international organization of worker solidarity through numerous organizations. No one organization can do this without forcing its will on others. Libertarian Unionism means diversity.

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AMNESTY FOR BRITISH MINERS!

For over a year British coal miners struck in defense of their jobs and their communities. Only hunger and government repression were able to force them back to work.

Now the Thatcher government is taking its revenge. At least 150 miners are in jail and more that 700 have been fired and blacklisted for having the courage to resist the British government's attack on their livelihoods.

The call has gone out to picket the British Tourist Authority or British government buildings.

Throughout the world, in corporate boardrooms and state offices, the powerful are gloating over the miners' defeat; sending a clear message to the rest of the working class: "If you resist, you will be crushed without mercy."

Our response must be just as strong. We must let the powerful know that the British miners are not alone--that although we have lost a battle, the struggle

will go on. An injury to one is an injury to all, and we will resist!

WHAT YOU CAN DO :

1. Call your local British Tourist Authority or British Consulate General. Let them know that you will not be visiting Great Britain until the jailed miners are released and those fired reinstated in their Jobs.

2. Obtain and circulate a petition for Amnesty among your friends and co-workers. This can be had from; G.D.C.-I.W.W., P.O. Box 6130, Kansas City, KS 66106.

3. If you are a member of a union, get your local to do the above, or even "adopt" a prisoner. Funds are needed for relief for blacklisted miners, as are solidarity campaigns for those now held in jail and scores more awaiting trial.

4. Most importantly, talk to your



friends and co-workers about the need for working people to stick together and resist the employers' attacks on our living and working conditions. Don't let what has happened to the British miners happen to any other group of workers.

The Chicago General Membership Branch of the Industrial Workers of the World has been doing some very strong work in support of the miners and the General Defense Committee-Industrial Workers of the World is beginning a campaign of solidarity. If you want to help in any way please write to: G.D.C.-I.W.W., P.O. Box 6130, Kansas City, KS 66106.

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The memo based on an FBI document calls him the most dangerous individual ever apprehended in the Chicago district. It also indicated that he had assaulted every police officer who ever tried to apprehend him and that he had assaulted correctional officers in institutions. Testimony was elicited indicating that he had never assaulted anyone in his life and that there was no basis for the statements whatsoever. He testified that the memo had resulted in his being beaten by guards and his being treated with great hostility since the information was sent with him wherever he was transferred. The expungement

should have a positive effect on his life in incarceration and open up parole possibilities to him that would have been too dangerous otherwise.

**INDIAN RELIGIOUS RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS INFORMATION SOUGHT**
On August 11, 1978, the American Indian Religious Freedom of Religion Act, Public Law 95-341 was passed into law. The stated purpose was the remedying of the "abridgement of religious freedom for traditional American Indians" which has often resulted from the "lack of a clear, comprehensive, and consistent Federal policy and the "insensitive and inflexible enforcement of Federal policies

and regulations..." Seeking to protect and preserve the inherent right of native people to believe, express and exercise the traditional religions including use and possession of sacred objects and the freedom to worship through ceremonies and traditional rights, federal agencies, including the BOP, have an affirmative duty to change their policies toward the stated objective. Information concerning violations of Indian religious rights within the federal prison system should be sent to Rights, P.O. Box 6130, KC, Ks. 66106.



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